# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:10
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THREAT TO DELHI DUE TO BIO-MEDIAL WASTES
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the contagious bio-medical wastes are posing a big threat to Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the hospitals are openly violating the provisions of the Contagious Bio-medical Wastes Act;

(c) whether the Government have issued any guidelines for the centralised incineration of medical wastes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these guidelines are being fully followed; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard.

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) In accordance with Schedule VI of Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 as amended on 6th March, 2000, hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakhs and above and all hospitals with 500 or more beds are required to set up waste treatment and disposal facilities by 30th June, 2000. As per information furnished by the Government of Delhi, a total of 44 hospitals in Delhi have installed necessary waste management systems. In addition, the Government of Delhi has also identified a private company through public tender to collect bio-medical wastes generated by small hospitals and nursing homes on payment basis and also to maintain and operate incinerators in four major hospitals run by the Government of Delhi.

(c) & (d) As per Rule 14 of Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) (Second amendment) Rules, 2000, Municipal Corporations/Municipal Boards/Urban Bodies have been made responsible for providing common disposal/incineration sites in the areas under their jurisdiction. In other areas, it is the responsibility of occupier generating bio-medical wastes/operator of the treatment facility to arrange for suitable sites individually or in association, so as to comply with the provisions of the Rules.

(e) & (f) The Government of India have written to all the States and Union Territories Governments to enforce Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 strictly. The Central Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoringthe progress and the Chairman of the Board has written to all the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees to take necessary action against erring hospitals.